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LETTER DATED 3 FEBRUARY 1993 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I.
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that United States aircraft continued their violations of Iraqi airspace during the period 19-30 January 1993, as follows:

19/20 January

(a) Northern region: 31 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 6,000-8,000 m, centred over Zakho, Tall Afar, Sanjar, Dohuk, Mosul, Irbil, Amadiyah and Rawanduz.

(b) Southern region: 100 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 8,000-11,000 m, centred over Basra, Rumaythah, Qal'at Sukkar, Shinafiyah, Busayyah, Jalibah, Samawah, Salman, southern Diwaniyah, southern Najaf, Nasiriyah, Qurnah and Artawi.

20/21 January

(a) Northern region: 24 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 6,000-8,000 m, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Zakho, Tall Afar, Dohuk and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 101 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-10,000 m, centred over Nasiriyah, Qal'at Salih, Qurnah, Samawah, Salman, southern Diwaniyah, Amarah, Jalibah, Ushbayjah, Shatrah and Busayyah. At 1230 hours on 21 January, a TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region, flying at a speed of 600 km/h and at an altitude of 20,000 m over Nasiriyah, Amarah, Qurnah and Samawah, and departed at 1430 hours on the same day. Furthermore, as a result of hostile bombardment on 18 January 1993, one citizen, named Rida Aswad, died of his wounds.

22 January

(a) Northern region: 24 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 6,000-7,000 m, centred over Zakho, Dohuk, Mosul, Ayn Zalah, Amadiyah, Irbil and Rawanduz. At 0945 hours on 22 January, a hostile formation of two aircraft violated Iraqi airspace east of Mosul and dropped three heat flares over that area.

(b) Southern region: 76 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 6,000-10,000 m, centred over Busayyah, Artawi, Nasiriyah, Samawah, southern Najaf, Salman, Amarah, Qal'at Salih and Qurnah.

23 January

(a) Northern region: 20 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 5,000-7,500 m, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Amadiyah, Zakho and Tall Afar.

(b) Southern region: 72 sorties, flown by F-15 and F-16 aircraft at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-10,000 m, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Basra, Amarah, Salman, Ushbayjah, Jalibah, Qurnah, Shatrah and Busayyah.

24 January

(a) Northern region: 14 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 6,000-7,000 m, centred over Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho, Amadiyah and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 64 sorties, flown by F-15 and F-16 aircraft at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-9,000 m, centred over Nasiriyah, Amarah, Basra, Samawah, Salman, Qurnah, Jalibah, Artawi and Busayyah.

25 January

(a) Northern region: 20 sorties, flown by F-14 and F-16 aircraft at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 5,500-8,000 m, centred over Zakho, Dohuk, Mosul, Irbil and Tall Afar.

(b) Southern region: 94 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-14,000 m, centred over Basra, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Shatrah, Samawah, Khidr, Jalibah, Busayyah, Artawi, Ushbayjah and southern Diwaniyah.

26 January

(a) Northern region: 24 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 6,000-7,500 m, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Amadiyah, Tall Afar and Rawanduz.

(b) Southern region: 88 sorties, flown by F-14, F-15 and F-16 aircraft at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-10,500 m, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Basra, Salman, Amarah, Busayyah, southern Diwaniyah and Ushbayjah.

27 January

(a) Northern region: 10 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 6,500-7,500 m, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 93 sorties, flown by F-15 and F-16 aircraft at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 6,000-10,000 m, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Shatrah, Ushbayjah, Qal'at Salih and Busayyah.

28 January

(a) Northern region: 24 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 6,000-8,000 m, centred over Zakho, Dohuk, Ayn Zalah, Amadiyah, Mosul, Tall Afar and Irbil.

(b) Southern region: 88 sorties, flown by F-4, F-14, F-15 and F-16 aircraft at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 6,000-9,000 m, centred over Basra, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Shatrah, Salman, Artawi, Ushbayjah and Khidr.

29 January

(a) Northern region: 22 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-8,000 m, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 93 sorties, flown by F-4, F-14 and F-16 aircraft at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 6,000-9,000 m, centred over Basra, Amarah, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Ushbayjah, Salman and Busayyah.

30 January

(a) Northern region: 30 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 6,000-7,000 m, centred over Tall Afar, Dohuk, Irbil and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 103 sorties, flown by F-4, F-14, F-15 and F-16 aircraft at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-10,000 m, centred over Basra, Amarah, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Shatrah and Busayyah.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter distributed as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Adnan MALIK
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